

McNutt Pledges Manpower Program Will Be Conducted on Fair, Voluntary Basis

Washington, D. C.—To make the best productive use of the labor of American workingmen and women to win the war, President Roosevelt established a War Manpower Administration of nine members, headed by Paul V. McNutt, the Federal Reserve Administrator.

The President granted the commission broad powers to decide upon the labor needs of industry and agriculture and to "facilitate the most effective mobilization of the manpower of the country in the prosecution of the war."

Others who will serve on the commission under McNutt are: W. G. Brown,

Director Nels and representatives of the Departments of Labor, Navy and Agriculture, together with representatives of the Labor Production Division of the WTB, the Selective Service System and the Civil Service System.

Establishment of the War Manpower Commission was greeted with favorable reaction by organized labor. AFL President William Green said:

"Labor commited closely with the President in the formulation of this new program and endorsed the selection of Mr. McNutt to direct it."

He revealed that the machinery for making certain that all available manpower and womanpower is utilized for war production would be "a voluntary and democratic basis."

priorities system as well as provisions to discourage the "pirating" of labor by competing employers.

In summarizing manpower requirements, McNutt said that 15,000,000 war production workers would be placed in jobs next year. He expressed the hope that this shift would be accomplished largely by conversion of plants and their regular labor personnel from civilian to war production.

Woll Sets Up Central Labor Pool

For All War Relief Contribution

New York City.—Matthew Woll, AFL Vice-President and head of the Labor League for Human Rights, announced a comprehensive program "to put all of labor's forces and resources behind the war efforts of our country and the nation's united with us over much if not more at stake than as other group, or class. We must therefore, answer the call of our Nation and of the Nations allied with not alone in the field of production and transportation but as well as the field of contributions and relief."

The League's program is:

- 1-Stimulate the fullest participation of labor in all civilian defense activities.
- 2-Clarify the issues of the war and of labor's stake in it.
- 3-Build a United Nations Relief

4—Mobilize Women's Auxiliary Organizations for civilian defense, Red Cross and relief work.

Money, Treasurer David Dubinsky, Thomas J. Lyons, Emil Reife, Victor Olander and Louis Hollander, Vice-Presidents and Abraham Blustein, Executive Director.

Mr. Weill requested the 250 Aid Thick and Thin Committees and more than 50 League branches throughout the country to assume the direction of

through - the local branch of the League." This, Mr. Weill pointed out would "avoid confusion and unfair discrimination, coordinate and systematize our help and, finally, assure a true accounting of all that Labor does in the name of relief."

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"We need it," he said, "because of the urgency and gravity of the issues involved," Mr. Wolf stated. "We are in a position where we are faced with a crisis whether labor has as

agencies representing the nation united with this country not to address the issue of the day. We must proceed with the understanding that these organizations are to receive allocations from the general Union Fund."

The League is also working out a broad program to extend relief aid to the unemployed, to provide entertainment, etc., for the members of our own service and is co-operating with the United Front and with responsible organizations.

500 AFL Sailors Lost In Sinkings, But Union Mends All Merchant Ships

Washington, D. C.—One of the most important news items scheduled to have been presented over the first "Labor For Victory" broadcast was inadvertently omitted because the time ran short. It follows:

"Harry Lundeborg, president of the Seafarers International Union, informed Maritime Commission officials that this union is manning merchant ships on the Atlantic and Pacific with full crews despite the fact

"Asked about the sailors who have been rescued from sinking ships, Mr. Lundberg said:

"When they get ashore they take a few hours off to celebrate their good luck and the next morning they show up ready to go to sea again. They've got what it takes!"

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men and women are doing the work. I only aim right now, he said, is to "give us the goods."

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